GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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FAST TRACK COURTS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fast Track Courts (FTCs) established and the number of them are functional;

(b) the number of cases admitted and disposed of in these Courts during 2004-05, 2005-06 and the current year;

(c) whether some FTCs are non-functional;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps the Government proposes to take to make them functional?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)

(a) The Eleventh Finance Commission had recommended setting up of 1734 Fast Track Courts (FTCs). Out of the 1711 FTCs notified by the State Governments upto 31.3.2005, 1562 FTCs were functional on that date. The State-wise break up of 1562 FTCs is given in the enclosed Statement-I.

(b) As per the information available in the Department, out of a total number of 17,88,048 cases entrusted to the FTCs in all the States, since their inception, 10,19,038 cases were disposed of by them and 7,69,010 cases are pending. State-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement-It. The number of cases admitted and disposed of by the FTCs, State-wise and year-wise, during 2004-05, 2005-06 and the current year is being collected.

(c) to (e) Out of 1562 FTCs functional as on 31.3.2005, some FTCs in different States are not functional as on date.The Hon`ble Supreme Court is monitoring the functioning of the FTCs in Transfer Case No.22/2001(Brij Mohan Lai Vs UOI) and in its Order dated 21.11.2005 has directed all High Courts and State Governments to furnish affidavits to know as to how many FTCs are required to be continued having regard to the pendency. The matter is, therefore, sub judice.